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MEMORANDUM REPORT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
District No.2

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At: New York, N.Y.

Date: July 23, 1953

By: Martin F. Pera  
Narcotic Agent

Subject: Investigation of Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi,  
brother of the Shah of Iran.

- 1.....Reference is made to letter reports of Narcotic Agents Charles Siragusa and Paul Knight in re; Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi.
- 2.....The Iranian Consulate of New York City forwards the Prince's mail to him twice weekly but will not release his address under any circumstance. This address apparently is a closely guarded secret. Information from confidential source indicates that mail addressed to the Prince at the Consulate is kept under close scrutiny. Therefore, it was hoped that the latter could be located through discreet channels thereby allowing for a more suitable undercover approach. Since several sources have been unable to give the subject's address by this time, it will be necessary to approach him via the Consulate. The alternative is to try to obtain his address discreetly from Michigan University at Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 3.....The following information has been obtained as to the Prince's background. He attended the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business Administration and there obtained a master's degree. He is now 27 years old. The Prince is described as an excellent student, shy, and conservative. His one excess is said to be a passion for driving fast cars and on July 28, 1951, he was arrested by the police at Ann Arbor, Mich. for speeding. The case was dismissed at the intervention of the States Department. He owns a purple Cadillac and a canary yellow Mercury convertible, both recent model cars. He is not in need of money as his living expenses allowing him to live on a luxurious scale are provided by the royal treasury.
- 4.....Inasmuch as the letter of introduction presents a young Greek and was intended for the use of Narcotic Agent Lendrihas, it is thought that the latter may use this letter to ~~his~~ the best advantage since his return from leave.

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Rome, Italy  
August 4, 1953

In re: Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi

Mr. James C. Ryan  
District Supervisor  
Bureau of Narcotics  
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to memorandum dated July 23, 1953, by Narcotic Agent Martin F. Pera regarding Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi.

It only just now dawns on me that I probably know this individual.

In February 1951 I was working with Narcotic Agent Joseph Amato in Hamburg, Germany. One day while in the company of Special Employee Prince Vittorio San Martino we were entering Agent Amato's hotel to confer with him. Special Employee San Martino pointed out to me a young man who was entering a Cadillac automobile with 2 beautiful women. He said that the man was the brother of the Shah of Iran.

If the Shah of Iran does not have any other brothers, then the man I saw is Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi.

Special Employee San Martino said that this Persian was a notorious playboy and bon-vivant, known for his wealth and escapades in most of the European capitals. This would seem to refute the description given to Agent Pera that the Prince is shy and conservative.

I agree it would not appear that the Prince would engage in the narcotic traffic since he is wealthy. However, Prince Alessandro Ruspoli, another very wealthy individual, was arrested with possession of 10 pounds of crude opium just a few months ago. Whereas Prince Ruspoli is an addict, it is not known whether Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi uses drugs.

I believe that Narcotic Agent Lendrihas should eventually make an effort to gain the Prince's confidence.

Very truly yours,

Charles Siragusa  
Narcotic Agent

cc: Bureau  
Nar. Agent Knight (encl Agent Pera's memo)

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MEMORANDUM REPORT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS  
District No. 2

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At: Detroit, Michigan

Date: August 11, 1953

By: William T. Wanzeck,  
Narcotic Agent

Subject: Investigation of Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi,  
brother of the Shah of Iran

- 1.....Reference is made to memorandum report of July 23, 1953, by Narcotic Agent Martin F. Pera, relative to the present address of Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi.
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- 4.....No further information could be gained from the official University records as any correspondence relative to the Prince must be addressed to his counselor, Lt. Col. Abbas Farzanegan, Assistant Military Attache, Embassy of Iran, 3005 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D.C.
- 5.....If a photograph of the Prince is necessary, it may be possible to obtain one, through the Registrar's Office of the University of Michigan.

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REPORT MADE		RELATED FILES	OTHER OFFICERS
AT: Detroit, Michigan DATE: August 11, 1953			Connie R. DeBiasi John W. Bennett Narcotic Agents.
BY: William T. Wanzeck, Narcotic Agent.			
SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORANDUM			RECOMMENDATION
Investigation of Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi, brother of the Shah of Iran.			PENDING: CLOSE: FURTHER INVESTIGATION: <u>XXXXXX</u>

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Agt. Siragusa, Rome, Italy. 2 ✓

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*William T. Wanzeck*  
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 (NARCOTIC AGENT OF DISTRICT NO. 8)

APPROVED: *John A. Davis*

(DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)



TRANSLATION

Central Narcotics Office

No. 605

Paris, October 22, 1953

Mr. Charles Siragusa  
U.S. Narcotic Agent  
American Embassy  
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir:

On June 12, 1953, the Central Office for the Repression of the Illicit Narcotic Traffic, acting together with Narcotic Agent Paul Knight of your Service, discovered a clandestine laboratory at Meudon (Seine and Oise), France, where NERCESSIAN manufactured clandestine heroin.

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Thanks to the address obtained from this correspondence, it appears that it would be possible to obtain from the Immigration Service in New York City, the information requested by the French Magistrate.

I shall appreciate it if you will send me all the information you have available.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michel Hugues  
Commissaire de Police

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No. 605

Paris, October 27, 1953

Mr. Charles Siragusa  
U.S. Narcotic Agent  
American Embassy  
Rome, Italy

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/s/ Michel Hugues  
Commissaire de Police

OFFICE CENTRAL  
POUR LA REPRESSION  
DU TRAFIC ILLICITE  
DES STUPÉFIANTS

PARIS, le 22 Octobre 1953 / 605

Référence: NERCESSIAN et autres

Monsieur Charles SIRAGUSA  
13 Via Lucania - Int. 4 -  
R O M E (Italie)

Cher Monsieur,

Le 12 Juin 1953 l'Office Central pour la répression du trafic illicite des stupéfiants, agissant en collaboration avec M. Paul KNIGHT, Narcotic Agent de votre Service, a découvert à MEUDON (Seine et Oise) - France - un laboratoire clandestin où un nommé NERCESSIAN fabriquait clandestinement de l'héroïne.

L'enquête a établi que ce NERCESSIAN était en relation avec un certain Prince Mahmoud de PAHLAVI. Le juge d'Instruction saisi de cette affaire a besoin actuellement pour compléter son dossier, de l'état-civil et de l'adresse de cette personne.

Au cours de l'audition de NERCESSIAN effectuée en sa présence, l'Agent KNIGHT a obtenu de celui-ci qu'il lui remette une lettre de présentation destinée au Prince Mahmoud en vue de poursuivre auprès de ce dernier en territoire américain l'enquête amorcée en France.

Grâce à l'adresse relevée sur ce courrier il semble qu'il serait possible d'obtenir du bureau de l'Immigration à NEW-YORK les précisions demandées par le magistrat français.

Je vous serais obligé de vouloir bien me les faire parvenir si vous pouvez vous les procurer.

Sincèrement vôtre.



Michel HUGUES  
Commissaire de Police



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**American Embassy**

**Rome, Italy  
November 2, 1953**

**In re: Prince Mahmoud de FALEVI**

**Mr. Michel Hugues  
Commissaire  
Direction des Services de  
Police Judiciaire  
Jume Section  
Paris, France**

**Dear Sir:**

**Reference is made to your letter of October 21, 1953, No. 05  
regarding the above cited person.**

**Enclosed please find copies of three self-explanatory memoranda,  
which is the only available information in my files.**

**Very truly yours,**

**Charles Siragusa  
U.S. Narcotic Agent**

**Encl (3)**

**cc: Bureau (w/encl-Hugues letter trans.)  
District #2 (w/encl-Hugues letter trans.)  
Har. Agent Knight, Paris, France (w/encl-Hugues letter trans.)**



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American Embassy

Rome, Italy  
November 2, 1953

In re: Prince Mahmoud de PAHLEVI

Mr. Michel Hugues  
Commissaire  
Direction des Services de  
Police Judiciaire  
3eme Section  
Paris, France

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Very truly yours,

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U.S. Narcotic Agent

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Nar. Agent Knight, Paris, France (w/encl-Hugues letter trans.)

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS

OFFICE OF DISTRICT SUPERVISOR  
DISTRICT NO. 8  
STATES OF OHIO AND MICHIGAN

DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN  
December 18, 1953

In re: Prince Mahmoud de Pahlevi

Mr. James C. Ryan  
District Supervisor  
Bureau of Narcotics  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated June 12, 1953, No. 3594 from Narcotic Agent Charles Siragusa and subsequent correspondence.

We have received information from a very reliable source that Pahlevi has returned to the University of Michigan and is presently residing at the Michigan Union, a student dormitory in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is not enrolled in any classes but is staying at the University engaging in its extra curricular activities.

We have also been advised that Pahlevi is leaving Ann Arbor very shortly for a visit with his sister in San Jose, California. It is expected, however, that he will be returning to Ann Arbor and we will be promptly advised of such return.

As soon as any additional information regarding his itinerary and the make and license number of the automobile he is driving is obtained, it will be promptly transmitted.

Our file does not indicate what progress was made by Agent Lendrihas' attempted undercover approach to this subject and if such an approach is still warranted.

Very truly yours

cc: Bureau  
cc: Agent Siragusa ✓

Irwin I. Greenfeld  
District Supervisor

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